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By Request of the *******

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act removing the sunset on interest income from the coal severance tax permanent fund appropriated to the Montana manufacturing extension center, the growth through agriculture program, and the Montana cooperative development centers; requiring a portion of the appropriation to the Montana manufacturing extension center be used in collaboration with the department of environmental quality to promote recycling, amending 15-35-108, MCA, amending Section 3, Chapter 481, Laws of 2003; and providing an effective date; and providing an applicability date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 15-35-108, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-35-108. (Temporary) Disposal of severance taxes.

Severance taxes collected under this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be allocated as follows:

- (1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.
 - (2) The amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is

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allocated to the long-range building program account established in 17-7-205.

- (3) The amount of 5.46% must be credited to an account in the state special revenue fund to be allocated by the legislature for provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking, conservation districts, and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act. Expenditures of the allocation may be made only from this account. Money may not be transferred from this account to another account other than the general fund. Any unreserved fund balance at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund.
- (4) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management. Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.
- (5) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable resource loan debt service fund.
- (6) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol

and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.

- (7) The amount of 2.9% must be credited to the oil, gas, and coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001.
- (8) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (7), \$250,000 for the fiscal year must be credited to the coal and uranium mine permitting and reclamation program account established in 82-4-244.
- (9) (a) Subject to subsection (9) (b), all other revenue from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state.
- (b) The interest income from \$140 million of the coal severance tax permanent fund that is deposited in the general fund is statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, on an annual basis as follows:
 - (i) \$65,000 to the cooperative development center;
- (ii) \$1.25 million for the growth through agriculture program provided for in Title 90, chapter 9;
- (iii) \$3.65 million to the research and commercialization state special revenue account created in 90-3-1002;
 - (iv) to the department of commerce:
 - (A) \$125,000 for a small business development center;
- (B) \$50,000 for a small business innovative research program;
- (C) \$425,000 for certified regional development corporations;
- (D) \$200,000 for the Montana manufacturing extension center at Montana state university-Bozeman; and

- (E) \$300,000 for export trade enhancement. (Terminates June 30, 2010--sec. 6, Ch. 481, L. 2003.)
- 15-35-108. (Effective July 1, 2010) Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under this chapter must, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, be allocated as follows:
- (1) Fifty percent of total coal severance tax collections is allocated to the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution. The trust fund money must be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(6) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.
- (2) The amount of 12% of coal severance tax collections is allocated to the long-range building program account established in 17-7-205.
- (3) The amount of 5.46% must be credited to an account in the state special revenue fund to be allocated by the legislature for provision of basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking, conservation districts, and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act. Expenditures of the allocation may be made only from this account. Money may not be transferred from this account to another account other than the general fund. Any unreserved fund balance at the end of each fiscal year must be deposited in the general fund.
- (4) The amount of 1.27% must be allocated to a permanent fund account for the purpose of parks acquisition or management.

Income from this permanent fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for the acquisition, development, operation, and maintenance of any sites and areas described in 23-1-102.

- (5) The amount of 0.95% must be allocated to the debt service fund type to the credit of the renewable resource loan debt service fund.
- (6) The amount of 0.63% must be allocated to a trust fund for the purpose of protection of works of art in the capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund account, excluding unrealized gains and losses, must be appropriated for protection of works of art in the state capitol and for other cultural and aesthetic projects.
- (7) The amount of 2.9% must be credited to the oil, gas, and coal natural resource account established in 90-6-1001.
- (8) After the allocations are made under subsections (2) through (7), \$250,000 for the fiscal year must be credited to the coal and uranium mine permitting and reclamation program account established in 82-4-244.
- (9) All (a) Subject to subsection (9)(b), all other revenue from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter must be credited to the general fund of the state.
- (b) The interest income from the coal severance tax

 permanent fund that is deposited in the general fund is

 statutorily appropriated, as provided in 17-7-502, on an annual basis as follows:
 - (i) \$65,000 to the cooperative development center;

- (ii) \$1.25 million for the growth through agriculture program provided for in Title 90, chapter 9; and

 (iii) to the department of commerce:
- (A) Subject to subsection (9) (b) (iii) (B),\$300,000 for the Montana manufacturing extension center at Montana state university-Bozeman.
- (B) At least 35% of the funding received under subsection

 (9) (b) (iii) (A) must be used in collaboration with the department of environmental quality to encourage manufacturers and commercial business owners to reduce their waste streams through source reduction, recycling, reuse, or use of recycled-content products or feedstocks.
- (C) The department of commerce in coordination with the department of environmental quality shall submit a biennial report to the environmental quality council established in 5-16-101 outlining activities and expenditures required under subsection (9)(b)(iii)(B)."

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{Internal References to 15-35-108:
2-17-805 X 17-7-205 X 17-7-502 X 17-7-502 X
22-2-301 X 22-2-304 X 22-2-321 X 23-1-108 X
76-15-530 X 82-4-244 X 90-6-1001 X}
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- Section 2. Section 3, Chapter 481, Laws of 2003, is amended to read:
- "Section 10. Termination. (1) [Section 1] terminates June 30,2001.
- (2) [Sections 2 through 4] [Sections 2 and 4] terminate June 30, 2005.

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(3) [Section 3] terminates June 30, 2010.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability. [This act] applies to severance tax collections from coal produced after June 30, 2009.

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**** Bill No. ****

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act providing a revolving loan program to finance machinery and equipment used for recycling; providing that motor vehicle recycling and disposal program funds be deposited in the revolving fund; amending section 75-10-532, MCA, and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Recycling equipment revolving loan account. (1) There is a special revenue account called the recycling equipment revolving loan account to the credit of the department of environmental quality.

- (2) The recycling equipment revolving loan account consists of \$1 million deposited into the account from the motor vehicle recycling and disposal program pursuant to 75-10-532 and money from any other source. Any interest earned by the account and any interest that is generated from a loan repayment must be deposited into the account and used to sustain the recycling equipment revolving loan program. Any appropriated funds in the account that are not loaned must remain in the account.
- (3) Funds from the recycling equipment revolving loan account may be used to provide loans to units of local government, units of the university system, tribal governments,

and nonprofit organizations to assist in the purchase of machinery and equipment used to increase the diversion of solid waste from Montana landfills and to expand recycling opportunities.

(4) The amount of a loan may not exceed \$50,000 and must be repaid within 10 years.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Administration of revolving loan account -- rulemaking authority. (1) The department of environmental quality shall adopt rules establishing:

- (a) eligibility criteria and other matters that the department considers necessary to ensure repayment of loans and to encourage maximum use of the account for recycling uses;
- (b) processes and procedures for disbursing loans, including the agencies or organizations that are allowed to process the loan application for the department; and
- (c) terms and conditions for the loans, including repayment schedules and interest.
- (2) Administrative costs charged to the account may not exceed 10% of the total loans or \$75,000 a year, whichever is greater. Legal fees and costs associated with collection of debt on principal are not considered administrative costs.
- (3) The loan repayment period may not exceed 10 years. The loans must be made at a low interest rate. The department may set the interest rate at an amount that will cover its administrative costs, but the rate may not be less than 1% a year. The department may seek recovery of the amount of principal loaned in

the event of default.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Outcome measures. The department of environmental quality shall develop reasonable outcome measures by which the success of the recycling equipment revolving loan program provided for in [sections 1 through 3] must be measured on an annual basis. Minimal outcome that must be measured includes:

- (1) a loan loss ratio of under 5%;
- (2) a listing of the loans made, including the amounts and purpose of the loans;
- (3) an assessment of the impact of the loans on the amount and type of recycling in the local area where the loan was made; and
- (4) an estimate of the amount of material diverted from the landfill because of the loan for the 3 years following disbursement of the loan.

Section 4. Section 75-10-532, MCA, is amended to read:

<u>provided in subsection (2)</u>, All money received from the sale of junk vehicles or from recycling of the material and all motor vehicle wrecking facility license fees must be remitted to the state, as provided in 15-1-504. The money must be used for the control, collection, recycling, and disposal of junk vehicles and

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component parts and for the removal of abandoned vehicles.

(2) For the 2009 biennium, \$1 million must be transferred to the recycling equipment revolving loan account established in [section 1]."

{Internal References to 75-10-532: 15-1-122 X

NEW SECTION. Section 5. {standard} Codification instruction. [Sections "1 through 3"] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, and the provisions of Title 75 apply to [sections "1 through 3"].

NEW SECTION. Section 6. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act repealing the termination date of recycling tax incentives; repealing the termination date for credit against air quality permitting fees for certain uses of postconsumer glass in recycled material; repealing the termination date for the tax credit for investment in property used to collect or process reclaimable materials; repealing the termination date for the tax deduction for the purchase of recycled materials, amending sections 75-2-225 and 75-2-226, MCA; repealing section 9, Chapter 712, Laws of 1991, sections 4 and 5, Chapter 542, Laws of 1995, section 1, Chapter 411, Laws of 1997, sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, Chapter 398, Laws of 2001, section 8, Chapter 516, Laws of 2001, sections 3 and 5, Chapter 129, Laws of 2005, and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Chapter 569, Laws of 2005; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 75-2-225, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-2-225. (Temporary) Amount and duration of credit -- how claimed. (1) An applicant may receive a credit against the fees imposed in 75-2-220 for using postconsumer glass in recycled material if the applicant qualifies under 75-2-226.

(2) Subject to 75-2-226(2), an An applicant qualifying for

a credit under 75-2-226 is entitled to claim a credit, as provided in subsection (3) of this section, for using postconsumer glass in recycled material in the calendar year subsequent to the calendar year in which the postconsumer glass was used in recycled material.

- (3) (a) The amount of the credit that may be claimed under this section is \$8 for each ton of postconsumer glass that was used as a substitute for nonrecycled material in the calendar year prior to the calendar year for which the applicant is paying fees for permits under 75-2-220.
- (b) The maximum credit allowable in any calendar year for fees payable under 75-2-220 is \$2,000 or the total amount of fees due, whichever is less. (Terminates December 31, 2009--secs. 3, 5, Ch. 129, L. 2005.)"

{Internal References to 75-2-225:
75-2-220 A 75-2-220 A 75-2-224* X}

Section 2. Section 75-2-226, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-2-226. (Temporary) Credit for use of postconsumer glass. (1) The following requirements must be met for an applicant to be entitled to a credit for the use of postconsumer glass:

- (a) The postconsumer glass must have been used in recycled material in the calendar year prior to the calendar year in which the applicant is applying for and paying for permits under 75-2-220.
 - (b) (i) The applicant claiming a credit must be a person

who, as an owner, including a contract purchaser or lessee, or who pursuant to an agreement owns, leases, or has a beneficial interest in a business that uses postconsumer glass in recycled materials. The use of postconsumer glass as recycled material may be a minor or nonprofit part of a business otherwise engaged in a business activity.

- (ii) The applicant may but need not operate or conduct a business that uses postconsumer glass as recycled material. If more than one person has an interest in a business with qualifying uses of postconsumer glass, they may allocate all or any part of the allowable credit among themselves and their successors or assigns.
- (c) The business must have been owned or leased by the applicant claiming the credit during the calendar year prior to the calendar year for which the permit fees are due under 75-2-220, except as otherwise provided in subsection (1)(b), and must have used postconsumer glass in recycled material during the calendar year prior to the calendar year for which the credit is claimed.
- (d) The postconsumer glass used in recycled material may not be an industrial waste generated by the person claiming the credit unless:
- (i) the person generating the waste historically has disposed of the waste onsite or in a licensed landfill; and
- (ii) standard industrial practice has not generally included the reuse of the waste in the manufacturing process.
 - (2) A credit under this section may be claimed by an

applicant for a business only if the qualifying postconsumer glass was used in recycled material before January 1, 2010.

- (3)(2) The credit provided by this section is not in lieu of any other incentive to which the applicant otherwise may be entitled under Title 15 or this chapter.
- $\frac{(4)}{(3)}$ A credit otherwise allowable under this section that is not used by the applicant in the calendar year for which the permits are applied may not be:
- (a) carried forward to offset an applicant's permit fees for any succeeding calendar year; or
- (b) carried back to offset an applicant's permit fees for any preceding calendar year. (Terminates December 31, 2009--secs. 3, 5, Ch. 129, L. 2005.)"

{Internal References to 75-2-226: 75-2-224*X 75-2-225 A 75-2-225 A 75-2-225 A

NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Repealer. Section 9, Chapter 712, Laws of 1991, sections 4 and 5, Chapter 542, Laws of 1995, section 1, Chapter 411, Laws of 1997, sections 4, 5, 6, and 7, Chapter 398, Laws of 2001, section 8, Chapter 516, Laws of 2001, sections 3 and 5, Chapter 129, Laws of 2005, and sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Chapter 569, Laws of 2005, are repealed.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act creating the recycling and waste reduction grant act; creating an advisory council to assist the department of environmental quality in administering the act; requiring the department to establish rules for administering the act; establishing grant criteria; establishing the recycling and waste reduction account; authorizing a fee on solid waste to fund the program; amending sections 75-10-115 and 75-10-117, MCA; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Short title. [Sections 1 through 5] may be cited as the "Recycling and Waste Reduction Grant Act."

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Recycling and waste reduction advisory council -- membership -- allocation. (1) The director of the department of environmental quality shall appoint a recycling and waste reduction advisory council. The membership of the council must include the following:

- (a) one member representing the recycling industry;
- (b) three members representing solid waste facilities that pay fees for the management and regulation of solid waste at facilities subject to regulation pursuant to Title 75, chapter

- 10, part 2, with at least one representing a publicly owned municipal solid waste landfill and one representing a privately owned municipal solid waste landfill;
- (c) one member representing a nonprofit recycling organization; and
- (d) two members of the public with an interest in waste reduction and recycling.
- (2) The members of the council must be appointed with consideration given to waste reduction and recycling facilities of small, medium, and large size and to geographic distribution.
- (3) The members shall serve staggered 5-year terms, except that members shall be initially appointed so that no more than two terms expire in any year.
 - (4) The council shall:
- (a) advise the department of environmental quality in awarding grants offered under [sections 1 through 5];
- (b) promote the establishment of waste reduction and recycling businesses in Montana; and
- (c) assist the department in implementing the requirements of the state solid waste management plan pursuant to 75-10-807.
- (5) The council is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as provided in 2-15-121.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Rulemaking authority. The department shall adopt rules to:

- (1) provide for grant application procedures; and
- (2) develop procedures for awarding grants and determining

grant awards pursuant to the criteria provided in [section 4].

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Purpose -- allocation of funds -- grant eligibility. (1) The department, in collaboration with the council, shall:

- (a) allocate money collected pursuant to 75-10-115(2) in the form of grants to local governments, state agencies, community organizations, schools, nonprofit and for-profit entities, and any other entity, or collaboration of entities, engaged in waste reduction or recycling efforts;
- (b) in accordance with subsection (4), allocate money collected pursuant to 75-10-115(2) for activities that promote statewide recycling opportunities including, but not limited to, advertising, educational materials, or workshops;
- (c) develop priorities for awarding grants, pursuant to subsection (2); and
- (d) award grants at least annually through a competitive process.
- (2) The department shall give priority to applications from entities paying the fee pursuant to 75-10-115(2) for projects that:
- (a) expand the recycling of household hazardous waste, electronic waste, or other special wastes;
 - (b) promote local waste reduction and recycling efforts; or
- (c) educate local citizens and businesses about waste reduction and recycling.

- (3) Grants may be used to:
- (a) purchase equipment used in the collection or processing of materials for waste reduction or recycling by nonprofit organizations, businesses or industries, state or local governments, or a combination of these entities;
- (b) promote the expansion of waste reduction and recycling businesses in Montana;
- (c) research and demonstrate how waste reduction and recycling can be applied to Montana markets;
- (d) assist in market development activities that develop local uses for recycled materials or increase consumer acceptance of recycled goods and business use of used materials; or
- (e) conduct educational activities, including workshops, conferences, and general consumer education about the benefits of recycling.
- (3) The department shall have the final authority in awarding grants offered under [sections 1 through 5]
- (4) Council expenses, administration costs, allocations pursuant to subsection (1)(b), and costs associated with collecting the fee provided for in 75-10-115(2) may not exceed 15% of the total amount of fees collected.
- (5) The department shall issue an annual report of its activities pursuant to [section 1 through 5] to the environmental quality council.

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Recycling and waste reduction account created -- source of funding -- use of account. (1) There

is an account in the state special revenue fund established by 17-2-102 to be known as the recycling and waste reduction account.

- (2) There must be deposited in the account:
- (a) fees collected pursuant to 75-10-115(2);
- (b) any gifts or donations received for the purposes of [section 1 through 5]; and
- (c) interest or other income earned on the money in the account.
- (3) The fund may be used only pursuant to [sections 1 through 5].
 - Section 6. Section 75-10-104, MCA, is amended to read:
 "75-10-104. Duties of department. The department shall:
- (1) prepare, adopt, and implement a state solid waste management and resource recovery plan as required by 75-10-111 and 75-10-807;
- (2) prepare rules necessary for the implementation of this part for submission to the board, including but not limited to rules:
- (a) governing the submission of plans for a solid waste management system;
- (b) establishing, for the purpose of determining the tonnage or volume-based solid waste management fee that a facility is subject to under 75-10-115(1)(c) and 75-10-115(2), methods for determining or estimating the amount of solid waste incinerated or disposed of at a facility;

- (c) establishing the license application fee that a
 facility is subject to under 75-10-115(1)(a);
- (d) establishing the flat annual license renewal fee that a facility is subject to under 75-10-115(1)(b);
- (e) establishing the tonnage or volume-based annual renewal fee that a facility is subject to under 75-10-115(1)(c); and
- (f) providing procedures for the quarterly collection of the solid waste management fee provided for in 75-10-204(6);
- (3) provide technical assistance to persons within the state for planning, designing, constructing, financing, and operating:
- (a) a solid waste management system in order to ensure that the system conforms to the state plan;
 - (b) integrated waste management programs; and
- (c) collection, disposal, reduction, and educational programs for household hazardous waste and small quantities of hazardous waste that are exempt from regulation under Title 75, chapter 10, part 4;
 - (4) enforce and administer the provisions of this part;
- (5) approve plans for a proposed solid waste management system submitted by a local government; and
- (6) serve as a clearinghouse for information on waste reduction and reuse, recycling technology and markets, composting, and household hazardous waste disposal, including chemical compatibility."

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{Internal References to 75-10-104: 75-10-115A 75-10-221X}
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- Section 7. Section 75-10-115, MCA, is amended to read:
- "75-10-115. Solid waste management fee. (1) The department may prepare rules for adoption by the board, pursuant to 75-10-104 and 75-10-106, that set fees for the management and regulation of solid waste at facilities subject to regulation pursuant to part 2 of this chapter. Upon adoption by the board, the department may collect the fees. These fees may include:
- (a) a license application fee that reflects the cost of reviewing a new solid waste management system or a substantial change to an existing facility;
- (b) a flat annual license renewal fee that reflects a minimal base fee related to the fixed costs of an annual inspection and license renewal and that is based upon the categorization of solid waste management systems into separate classes identified by the following criteria:
- (i) the quantity of solid waste received by the solid waste management system;
 - (ii) the nature of the solid waste received; and
- (iii) the nature of the waste management occurring within the solid waste management system;

and

- (c) a tonnage or volume-based fee on solid waste disposal.
- (2) For the purpose of implementing [sections 1 through 5], the department shall collect, starting in 2010, a fee of 35 cents a ton based on solid waste received by the solid waste management system.

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(3) Except as provided in 75-10-117(4), all All fees

collected must be deposited in the solid waste management account provided for in 75-10-117."

{Internal References to 75-10-115:

7-13-231 X 75-10-104 A 75-10-104 A 75-10-104 A 75-10-105 X 75-10-106 X 75-10-116 X 75-10-117A

Section 8. Section 75-10-117, MCA, is amended to read:

"75-10-117. Solid waste management account. (1) There is a solid waste management account in the state special revenue fund provided for in 17-2-102.

- (2) There must be deposited in the account:
- (a) <u>except as provided in subsection (4)</u>, all revenue from the solid waste management fees provided for in 75-10-115; and
- (b) money received by the department in the form of legislative appropriations, reimbursements, gifts, federal funds, or appropriations from any source that is intended to be used for the purposes of the account.
- (3) The account may be used by the department only for the administration of 75-2-215, part 2 of this chapter, and this part.
- (4) Fees collected pursuant to 75-10-115(2) must be deposited in the recycling and waste reduction account established in [section 5]."

{Internal References to 75-10-117: 75-10-115 A 75-10-228 X 75-10-910 X}

NEW SECTION. Section 9. {standard} Codification

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instruction. [Sections 1 through 5] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 75, chapter 10, and the provisions of Title 75, chapter 10, apply to [sections 1 through 5].

NEW SECTION. Section 10. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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**** Bill No. ****

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By Request of the *******

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act ALLOWING TAX ABATEMENTS FOR FACILITIES THAT USE MONTANA GROWN RAW MATERIALS IN FOOD PRODUCTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of [sections 1 through __] is to encourage greater use of Montana grown raw materials in food production, as a means of providing economic benefit to the state and conserving resources by reducing costs and emissions associated with the manufacturing and transportation of our food supply.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Definitions. For purposes of [sections 1 through __], eligible food production facilities include those that make beverages and candy.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Property tax abatement -qualifications. (1) A food production facility may qualify for an
abatement of the facility's taxable value pursuant to [section 4]
if at least 25% of the raw materials used in the manufacturing of
its food products are Montana grown.

- (2) If the abatement is granted, the qualifying food production facility must be taxed at:
- (a) 90% of its taxable value, if at least 25% of raw materials used by the facility for the production of food are Montana grown;
- (b) 75% of its taxable value, if at least 50% of raw materials used by the facility for the production of food are Montana grown; or
- (c) 50% of its taxable value, if at least 75% of the raw materials used by the facility for the production of food are Montana grown.
- (3) The abatement applies to all mills levied against the qualifying property.
- (4) A qualifying food production facility may apply annually to the department of revenue pursuant to [section 4] to increase or decrease the size of its abatement.
- (5) A qualifying food production facility may receive any portion of the abatement for no more than ten years.

NEW SECTION. Section 4. Application -- approval. (1) In order for a taxpayer to receive the abatement described in [section 3], the taxpayer shall submit an application for abatement to the department of revenue. The application must be on a form prescribed by the department and must include a requirement that the applicant be in compliance with all federal and state environmental and health standards and permit requirements.

(2) The application must be accompanied by purchasing and delivery receipts and other records necessary to allow the department to determine the applicant's ability to qualify for the abatement.

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Reporting -- default -- remedy.

- (1) A taxpayer who has been granted an abatement under [sections 3 and 4] shall submit quarterly reports to the department of revenue on a form prescribed by the department. The reports must include purchasing and delivery receipts and other records necessary to allow the department to determine the applicant's continuing qualification for the abatement.
- (2) The department shall review the quarterly reports and make an annual determination regarding the taxpayer's continued qualification for the abatement.
- (3) If, after a taxpayer has been granted the abatement under [sections 3 and 4], the department determines that the taxpayer has failed to meet the annual qualification requirements for any year, the taxpayer must be considered to be in default, unless the taxpayer qualifies for a lesser abatement under [section 3].
- (4) If the taxpayer qualifies for a lesser abatement, the property must be taxed under the reduced abatement beginning January 1 of the year in which the taxpayer failed to meet the qualification for the greater abatement.
- (5) If a taxpayer is considered to be in default, the taxpayer forfeits the abatement. Upon default, the property must

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be taxed at 100% of its taxable value beginning January 1 of the year in which the taxpayer defaulted. The taxpayer is immediately liable for any additional taxes resulting from the default.

- (6) A taxpayer that has forfeited its abatement due to default may not reapply for an abatement under [section 4].
- (7) A taxpayer aggrieved by a determination made by the department of revenue has the right to the review procedures in 15-1-211 or to a hearing under Title 2, chapter 4, part 6.

NEW SECTION. Section 6. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective

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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *********

By Request of the *******

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act requiring the department of transportation to biennially report to the revenue and transportation interim committee on conservation measures in the transportation sector; amending section 5-5-227, MCA."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 5-5-227, MCA, is amended to read:

"5-5-227. Revenue and transportation interim committee -powers and duties -- revenue estimating and use of estimates. (1)
The revenue and transportation interim committee has
administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program
evaluation, and monitoring functions for the department of
revenue and the department of transportation and the entities
attached to the departments for administrative purposes.

- (2) (a) The committee must have prepared by December 1 for introduction during each regular session of the legislature in which a revenue bill is under consideration an estimate of the amount of revenue projected to be available for legislative appropriation.
- (b) The committee may prepare for introduction during a special session of the legislature in which a revenue bill or an appropriation bill is under consideration an estimate of the

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amount of projected revenue. The revenue estimate is considered a subject specified in the call of a special session under 5-3-101.

- (3) The committee's estimate, as introduced in the legislature, constitutes the legislature's current revenue estimate until amended or until final adoption of the estimate by both houses. It is intended that the legislature's estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates will be used by all agencies with responsibilities for estimating revenue or costs, including the preparation of fiscal notes.
- (4) The department of transportation shall biennially report to the committee on measures that conserve energy in the transportation sector, including conservation measures specific to city street design.
- (4)(5) The legislative services division shall provide staff assistance to the committee. The committee may request the assistance of the staffs of the office of the legislative fiscal analyst, the legislative auditor, the department of revenue, and any other agency that has information regarding any of the tax or revenue bases of the state."

{Internal References to 5-5-227: 5-3-101x 5-11-105*x 17-7-140x}

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**** Bill No. ****

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By Request of the *******

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the amount of money from motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year transferred to the senior citizens and persons with disabilities transportation services account; amending 15-1-122, MCA; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

- Section 1. Section 15-1-122, MCA, is amended to read:
- "15-1-122. Fund transfers. (1) There is transferred from the state general fund to the adoption services account, provided for in 42-2-105, a base amount of \$36,764, and the amount of the transfer must be increased by 10% in each succeeding fiscal year.
- (2) There is transferred from the state general fund to the department of transportation state special revenue nonrestricted account a base amount of \$3,050,205, increased by 1.5% in each succeeding fiscal year.
- (3) For each fiscal year, there is transferred from the state general fund to the accounts, entities, or recipients indicated the following amounts:
- (a) to the motor vehicle recycling and disposal program provided for in Title 75, chapter 10, part 5, 1.48% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each

fiscal year. The amount of 9.48% of the allocation in each fiscal year must be used for the purpose of reimbursing the hired removal of abandoned vehicles. Any portion of the allocation not used for abandoned vehicle removal reimbursement must be used as provided in 75-10-532.

- (b) to the noxious weed state special revenue account provided for in 80-7-816, 1.50% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year;
 - (c) to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks:
- (i) 0.46% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund, with the applicable percentage to be:
 - (A) used to:
- (I) acquire and maintain pumpout equipment and other boat facilities, 4.8% in each fiscal year;
- (II) administer and enforce the provisions of Title 23, chapter 2, part 5, 19.1% in each fiscal year;
- (III) enforce the provisions of 23-2-804, 11.1% in each fiscal year; and
- (IV) develop and implement a comprehensive program and to plan appropriate off-highway vehicle recreational use, 16.7% in each fiscal year; and
- (B) deposited in the state special revenue fund established in 23-1-105 in an amount equal to 48.3% in each fiscal year;
- (ii) 0.10% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year, with 50% of the amount to be used for enforcing the purposes of 23-2-601, 23-2-602, 23-2-611, 23-2-614 through 23-2-618, 23-2-621, 23-2-622, 23-2-631

through 23-2-635, and 23-2-641 through 23-2-644 and 50% of the amount designated for use in the development, maintenance, and operation of snowmobile facilities; and

- (iii) 0.16% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year to be deposited in the motorboat account to be used as provided in 23-2-533;
- (d) 0.64% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year, with 24.55% to be deposited in the state veterans' cemetery account provided for in 10-2-603 and with 75.45% to be deposited in the veterans' services account provided for in 10-2-112(1);
- (e) 0.30% 0.59% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year for deposit in the state special revenue fund to the credit of the senior citizens and persons with disabilities transportation services account provided for in 7-14-112; and
- (f) to the search and rescue account provided for in 10-3-801, 0.04% of the motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund in each fiscal year.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle revenue deposited in the state general fund" means revenue received from:
- (a) fees for issuing a motor vehicle title paid pursuant to 61-3-203;
- (b) fees, fees in lieu of taxes, and taxes for vehicles, vessels, and snowmobiles registered or reregistered pursuant to 61-3-321 and 61-3-562;

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(c) GVW fees for vehicles registered for licensing pursuant to Title 61, chapter 3, part 3; and

- (d) all money collected pursuant to 15-1-504(3).
- (5) The amounts transferred from the general fund to the designated recipient must be appropriated as state special revenue in the general appropriations act for the designated purposes."

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{Internal References to 15-1-122:
7-14-112X 10-2-112X 10-2-603X 10-3-801X
61-3-459X}
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NEW SECTION. Section 2. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By **********

By Request of the *******

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act creating a weatherization account, allocating to the account a percentage of the oil and natural gas production taxes, amending sections 15-36-331, 90-4-201, and 90-4-215, MCA; and providing an effective date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 15-36-331, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-36-331. Distribution of taxes. (1) (a) For each calendar quarter, the department shall determine the amount of tax, late payment interest, and penalties collected under this part.

- (b) For the purposes of distribution of oil and natural gas production taxes to county and school district taxing units under 15-36-332 and to the state, the department shall determine the amount of oil and natural gas production taxes paid on production in the taxing unit.
- (2) (a) The amount of oil and natural gas production taxes collected for the privilege and license tax pursuant to 82-11-131 must be deposited, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, in the state special revenue fund for the purpose of paying expenses of the board, as provided in 82-11-135.
 - (b) The amount of the tax for the oil, gas, and coal

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natural resource account established in 90-6-1001 must be deposited in the account.

(3) (a) For each tax year, the amount of oil and natural gas production taxes determined under subsection (1) (b) is allocated to each county according to the following schedule:

Big Horn 45.05%

Blaine 58.39%

Carbon 48.27%

Chouteau 58.14%

Custer 69.53%

Daniels 50.81%

Dawson 47.79%

Fallon 41.78%

Fergus 69.18%

Garfield 45.96%

Glacier 58.83%

Golden Valley 58.37%

Hill 64.51%

Liberty 57.94%

McCone 49.92%

Musselshell 48.64%

Petroleum 48.04%

Phillips 54.02%

Pondera 54.26%

Powder River 60.9%

Prairie 40.38%

Richland 47.47%

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Roosevelt 45.71%

Rosebud 39.33%

Sheridan 47.99%

Stillwater 53.51%

Sweet Grass 61.24%

Teton 46.1%

Toole 57.61%

Valley 51.43%

Wibaux 49.16%

Yellowstone 46.74%

All other counties 50.15%

- (b) The oil and natural gas production taxes allocated to each county must be deposited in the state special revenue fund and transferred to each county for distribution, as provided in 15-36-332.
- (4) The department shall, in accordance with the provisions of 17-2-124, distribute the state portion of oil and natural gas production taxes remaining after the distributions pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) as follows:
- (a) for each fiscal year through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, to be distributed as follows:
- (i) 1.23% to the coal bed methane protection account established in 76-15-904;
- (ii) 1.45% to the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302;
- (iii) 1.45% to the natural resources operations state special revenue account established in 15-38-301;

- (iv) 2.99% to the orphan share account established in 75-10-743;
- (v) 2.65% to the state special revenue fund to be appropriated to the Montana university system for the purposes of the state tax levy as provided in 20-25-423;
- (vi) 5% to the weatherization account established in 90-4-215; and
 - (vi) (vii) all remaining proceeds to the state general fund;
- (b) for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2011, to be distributed as follows:
- (i) 2.16% to the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302;
- (ii) 2.02% to the natural resources operations state special revenue account established in 15-38-301;
- (iii) 2.95% to the orphan share account established in 75-10-743;
- (iv) 2.65% to the state special revenue fund to be appropriated to the Montana university system for the purposes of the state tax levy as provided in 20-25-423;
- (v) 5% to the weatherization account established in 90-4-215; and
 - (v) (vi) all remaining proceeds to the state general fund."

{Internal References to 15-36-331: 15-36-304 15-36-332 15-36-332 15-38-301 15-38-302 75-10-743 76-15-904 82-11-135 90-6-1001}

Section 2. Section 90-4-201, MCA, is amended to read:

"90-4-201. Weatherization money sources -- consolidation.

- (1) All federal funds and grants available and becoming eligible to Montana under the provisions of the U.S. department of energy low-income weatherization assistance program, the U.S. department of health and human services low-income home energy assistance program, and any other federal funds intended to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings occupied by persons of low and fixed incomes, except for Title XX of the Social Security Act, are to be coordinated and are appropriated to the department of public health and human services.
- (2) The department of public health and human services shall allocate and spend for home weatherization programs under this part at least 5% of the funds received from the U.S. department of health and human services low-income home energy assistance program if federal law permits this allocation.
- (3) The department of public health and human services shall use the funds in the weatherization account established in 90-4-215 for home weatherization programs under this part."

{Internal References to 90-4-201: 90-4-215x}

- **Section 3.** Section 90-4-215, MCA, is amended to read:
- "90-4-215. Account Accounts established -- use. (1) There is an energy conservation and energy assistance account within the federal special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.
- (2) There is a weatherization account in the state special revenue fund. There must be deposited in the account the proceeds

from the distribution of oil and natural gas production taxes as provided in 15-36-331 and any other state funds.

(3) The amounts deposited in the account in subsection (1) and interest and earnings on the account may be used by the department of public health and human services to fund its low-income energy assistance and home weatherization programs created in 90-4-201.

(4) The amounts deposited in the account in subsection (2) and interest and earnings on the account shall be used by the department of public health and human services to fund its low-income energy assistance and home weatherization programs created in 90-4-201."

{Internal References to 90-4-215: None.}

NEW SECTION. Section 4. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2009.

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**** Bill No. ****

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A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act increasing the individual income tax credit for energy-conserving expenditures; providing a tax credit for limited liability partnerships, S. corporations, or other disregarded entities and for taxpayers with certain income levels; providing a refund for unused energy-conserving expenditure tax credits; amending section 15-32-109, MCA; providing an immediate effective date; and providing a retroactive applicability date."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

Section 1. Section 15-32-109, MCA, is amended to read:

"15-32-109. Credit for energy-conserving expenditures. (1) Subject to the restrictions of subsection (2) subsections (4) and (5), a resident individual taxpayer may take a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability under chapter 30 for 25% of the taxpayer's expenditure for a capital investment in the physical attributes of a building or the installation of a water, lighting, heating, or cooling system in the building, so as long as either type of investment is the investments are for an energy conservation purpose, in an amount not to exceed \$500 \$800.

(2) (a) Subject to the restrictions of subsections (4) and (5), a resident individual taxpayer with a family income of less

than or equal to the amount established in subsection (2) (b) may take a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability under chapter 30 for 25% of the taxpayer's expenditure for a capital investment in the physical attributes of a building or the installation of a water, lighting, heating, or cooling system in the building as long as the investments are for an energy conservation purpose, in an amount not to exceed \$800.

- (b) To be eligible for the credit allowed by this subsection (2), a single taxpayer may not have a Montana adjusted gross income in excess of \$12,590 and married couples filing jointly or separately on the same form may not have a Montana adjusted gross income in excess of \$14,590. The department, by November 1, of each year, shall multiply the income amounts in this subsection (2) (b) by the inflation factor for that year and round the product to the nearest \$10. The resulting adjusted income is effective for that tax year and must be used in determining the eligibility for the credit allowed by this subsection (2).
- (3) Subject to the restrictions of subsections (4) and (5), a limited liability partnership, S. corporation, or other disregarded entity may take a credit against the taxpayer's tax liability under chapter 30 for 25% of the taxpayer's expenditure for a capital investment in the physical attributes of a residential rental building or the installation of a water, lighting, refrigeration, heating, or cooling system in the building as long as the investments are for an energy conservation purpose, in an amount not to exceed \$800.
 - (4) A taxpayer's expenditure may be claimed for credit under

subsection (1), (2), or (3) but may be claimed under only one of
those subsections.

- (a) may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability; and

 (b) is through (3) are subject to the provisions of

 15-32-104.
- (6) The credits under subsections (1) and (3) may not exceed the taxpayer's tax liability. If the amount of the tax credit under subsection (2) exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for the tax year, the amount of the excess must be refunded to the taxpayer. The credit may be claimed even if the claimant has no taxable income.
- (7) If the taxpayer is an S. corporation, the shareholders may claim a pro rata share of the tax credit. If the taxpayer is a partnership or disregarded entity, the credit may be claimed by the partners or members in the same proportion used to report the partnership's or entity's income or loss for Montana income tax purposes."

{Internal References to 15-32-109: 15-30-125X 15-32-104 X 15-32-106 X 15-32-106X}

NEW SECTION. Section 2. {standard} Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Retroactive applicability. [This act] applies retroactively, within the meaning of 1-2-109, to tax years beginning after December 31,

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**** Joint Resolution No. ****

Introduced By *********

By Request of the *******

A Joint Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana requesting an interim study to evaluate the feasibility of expanded use of biomass feedstocks for energy use in Montana.

WHEREAS, the expanded use of biomass from forests, agriculture, and other sources for energy may provide substantial economic and environmental benefits to Montanans; and

WHEREAS, the environmental quality council in conducting it's climate change interim study during the 2007-2008 interim, identified the expanded use of biomass feedstocks for energy use in Montana as a potentially important policy directive that deserves further evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

- (1) evaluate the feasibility of expanding the alternative energy revolving loan program for biomass feedstock projects;
- (2) evaluate Montana biomass feedstock tax incentives as well as other state biomass feedstock tax incentives with respect

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to reducing the capitol costs of biomass energy production, including electricity generation and heating of residences and public buildings;

- (3) analyze the potential use of pilot projects for different forestry and agriculture residues and liquid fuel production;
- (4) evaluate funding alternatives for research and development on techniques for the collection, processing, transportation, storage, and distribution of forestry and agriculture residues, as well as market development or expansion for these materials;
 - (5) document research that has been conducted to:
- (a) characterize emissions from biomass boilers and the impacts those emissions have on community air pollution; and
 - (b) mitigate emission impacts; and
- (6) evaluate the statutory roadblocks for renewable resource grant and loan program eligibility for biomass feedstock projects, if any.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations

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of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 61st Legislature.

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**** Joint Resolution No. ****

Introduced By *********

By Request of the *******

A Joint Resolution of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Montana encouraging Congress to adopt the National Association of Counties' resolution regarding hazardous fuels emergencies.

WHEREAS, according to the Montana Legislature's Fire Suppression Interim Committee, that with limited resources and fuel and climatic conditions, it is likely that communities in Montana will burn, and firefighters and members of the public will be seriously injured or killed;

WHEREAS, the contributing factors of drought, extensive tree mortality due to insect infestation, and current federal land management policies that allow for extensive accumulations of biomass, make Montana's forest lands highly susceptible to catastrophic and environmentally destructive wild fires that threaten public health safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of the Interior research has confirmed that reducing hazardous biomass fuels further away from communities limits the risks of catastrophic wild fires;

WHEREAS, reducing and using biomass has multiple benefits outside of wild fire mitigation, including alternative energy generation;

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has passed a

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resolution calling on the United States Congress to enact legislation granting a governor authority to declare a crisis when the severity of fire danger from fuels on identified federal lands within that state pose a significant threat to public health and safety, or there would be a probable loss of homes and property if wild fires occur; and

WHEREAS, upon the declaration of a crisis, responsible federal agencies would be required to fast-track a mitigation plan to reduce forest fuels, mitigation planning would be excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act appeal process, and any claimant filing a court action against the plan would be required to post a damage bond of 10% of the value of the property that would be protected under a mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, adoption of these proactive hazardous fuels emergency measures will enhance Montana's ability to manage hazardous fuels in order to reduce the risk of catastrophic and environmentally destructive wild fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

- (1) That the United States Congress enact legislation adopting the National Association of Counties' resolution regarding hazardous fuels emergencies and reduction.
- (2) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States; the Western Governors' Association; the Montana Congressional Delegation; and the National Association of Counties.

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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By ********

By Request of the *******

A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act setting energy efficiency standards for new construction of state-owned buildings; and amending section 17-7-201, MCA."

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Energy efficiency standards for new building construction. (1) All planning and preparation for building construction under 17-7-202 after July 1, 2010, and for newly constructed buildings that the state of Montana leases after July 1, 2010, must be designed, constructed, and certified to the LEED silver standard, the SFI standards, the ATFS standards, or other comparable standards.

- (2) (a) State agencies shall compile a report on operating savings relating to buildings constructed after July 1, 2008, to the department of administration before July 1 of each even-numbered year.
- (b) The department shall consolidate all reports from state agencies required in subsection (2)(a) into one report to be presented to the legislature during the first week of each regular legislative session. This report is in addition to any other reporting requirements under 17-7-203.

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- Section 2. Section 17-7-201, MCA, is amended to read:
- "17-7-201. Definitions of building and construction. In this part the following definitions apply:
- (1) "ATFS standard" means the American tree farm system standard developed by the American tree farm system organization.
 - (1) (2) "Building" includes a:
- building, facility, or structure constructed or purchased wholly or in part with state moneys;
- (b) building, facility, or structure at a state institution;
- (c) building, facility, or structure owned or to be owned by a state agency, including the department of transportation.
 - (2) (3) "Building" Building does not include a:
- (a) building, facility, or structure owned or to be owned by a county, city, town, school district, or special improvement district;
- facility or structure used as a component part of a highway or water conservation project.
- (3)(4) "Construction" includes construction, repair, alteration, and equipping and furnishing during construction, repair, or alteration.
- (5) "LEED silver standard" means the leadership in energy and environmental design rating standard developed by the United States green building council, commonly called the silver standard.
 - (6) "SFI standard" means the sustainable forestry initiative

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standard developed by the sustainable forestry initiative program.

(6) "State agencies" has the meaning provided in 2-18-111."

{Internal References to 17-7-201: 20-15-403}

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